

C. Railroad, now so fairly begun, needs but your fostering care to extend and connect it with the Tennessee Roads, thus completing, so far as your State can, that important link in the chain, which is, at no distant day, to unite the Pacific with the Atlantic. Then will North Carolina, no longer a vassal to other States, take that position among her sisters of the Union, to which nature and her geographical position so justly entitle her. Then will it be known that there is an *interior* of North Carolina—an interior rich and productive in both mineral and agricultural resources. Then will it be known that for agricultural purposes, not only your valleys, but your mountains, are rich and productive to their very summits. That from these mountains the trickling streamlets running through a thousand vales, from as many crystal fountains, continue to flow, until their accumulated waters roll into Broad rivers, affording sufficient water power to drive all the manufacturing machines of New England. That these mountains, possessing as they do, mineral waters in great abundance, are equalled by few, and excelled by none, for healthfulness and salubrity of climate, and surpassed by no country for beauty and variety of picturesque scenery.

Construct and complete this road, for in the same proportion that you afford facilities for travel and transportation, in that proportion will it be increased; and then will not only the invalid from the low counties of our own and other States seek this health-restoring and reinvigorating atmosphere, but the devotee of gaiety and fashion, instead of going abroad, may find a more congenial resort in our own Carolina. And then not only will the husbandman be enabled to reap a rich reward for his labors, but the pent-up mineral treasures from your disemboweled mountains, will be moulded into usefulness, to fill the coffers of a generous, persevering and deserving people.

I must again beg leave, most respectfully, to urge the necessity of continuing the surveys beyond the present point; we cannot know too much of the country yet to be explored, for it is one presenting unusual and formidable difficulties. It will be the most economical expenditure of money that